



# News Release

**For immediate release:** February 14, 2013

(13-020)

**\*This document has been changed to correct an error**

Contact: Media inquiries: [Julie Graham](#), Communications Office  
Public inquiries: Health Systems Customer Service

360-236-4022  
360-236-4700

## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Benton County**

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant Trisha Honn (NA60202806) for five years. Honn forged and filled prescriptions for oxycodone which had not been legally prescribed.

### **King County**

In January 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse Roger S. Miller (LP00056350) for unprofessional conduct after Miller did not comply with the terms of a previous order to comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In January 2013 the Chiropractic Commission suspended the credential of chiropractor **John M. Birkeland** (CH00002297) after he did not respond to the commissions' order to undergo a mental/physical exam.

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of registered and certified nursing assistant Teresa Margaret Trudeau (NC60134420, NA60052315) after she violated a vulnerable adult protection order by communicating with a patient for whom the order had been issued.

In January 2013 the Dental Commission suspended the credential of dental assistant Samantha Ann Stark (D160221422) after she did not comply with an order to enter and comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In January 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse Linda Sue Rowan (RN00099142). Rowan did not comply with the terms of a substance abuse monitoring program as required by a previous order.

### **Pierce County**

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified and registered nursing assistant Elizabeth Taeao Leaeno - Walter (NA60088665, NC60183051) for three years for hitting a patient and providing care that fell below standards.

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant Tonia R. Williams (NA60274661) for three years..DSHS found that Williams had abused a vulnerable adult.

### **Spokane County**

In January 2013 the Optometry Board suspended the credential of Optometrist Kenneth Allen Ethier (OD60175213) after his license was revoked by the state of Idaho. Ethier may apply for reinstatement once the status of his Idaho credential is resolved.

In January 2013 the Department of Health issued cease and desist orders to Jason Swanson and Tyler Arnold who own a tattoo business. They were providing laser tattoo removal services without having the required health professional credentials. They must also each pay a \$1,000 fine for their unlicensed practice activities.

### **Snohomish County**

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant Domingo Aquino (NA60298660) after he tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamine.

### **Thurston County**

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of health care assistant Tracy Marie Hill (HC00149317) after she did not show proof of required training.

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant Amber-Lee M. Cotten (NC10100052) after she didn't provide proof of employment status as required by a previous order.

### **Walla Walla**

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of nursing assistant Shawn E. Nyman (NA00087452) after he did not complete a required substance abuse evaluation and monitoring program. Nyman tested positive for alcohol and withdrew from the program.

In January 2013 the Department of Health suspended the license of independent clinical social worker Laurie L. Heikkenen (LW00008520) for ten years. Heikkenen displayed unprofessional conduct by entering into financial arrangements with clients that put the clients at risk of harm and/or exploitation.

### **Out of State**

**Ohio:** In January 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse Audra E. Jones (RN60165199) after the state of Iowa accepted surrender of her license as a result of criminal charges against her in Indiana.

**Texas:** In January 2013 the Occupational Therapy Board suspended the credential of occupational therapist Ron Eugene Rice (OC60281763) after he did not comply with a required substance abuse monitoring program.

The [Department of Health website](http://doh.wa.gov) (doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, [find us on Facebook](#) and [follow us on Twitter](#).

###